

**Remember to put your clocks forward one hour this Sunday!**

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## Barry Island traders fight proposed car parking charges

**BARRY** Island traders have launched a petition against proposed car parking charges claiming they could have a "devastating impact" on local businesses.

Within eight hours of going online the petition had received 1,000 signatures and earlier this week it had passed

the 2,300 mark. New charges were agreed by the Vale Cabinet last week, but they will be examined by a scrutiny committee on April 4 before being implemented.

On-street parking is proposed all year round, seven days a week. It would be free for one hour; up to two hours would be £2; three hours £4; four hours £6; five hours £8; and all

day would be £10. The proposed charges would be all year round with parking free before 8am and reduced tariffs after 4pm.

Petition against the proposed parking charges to Barry Island can be found at [ipetitions.com](http://ipetitions.com), and it demands: "At a minimum we are asking for two hours free 'on street parking', free parking 'on street' during the winter and reduced winter rates for the main car parks."

Louis Ross, who owns Barrybados and started the petition, said he wanted an urgent meeting with the Vale Council and would be attending the scrutiny committee meeting.

He said: "The proposed parking charges for the Island will impact locals, traders and tourists.

They will also hit Barry Island parkrun, mother and baby groups and community groups.

"Half of the trade is local people and the charges will put them off. It will limit people's trips to the Island, especially regular locals who pop down after work or school for a coffee or ice cream. Volunteer litter pickers will have to pay to undertake their volunteering roles.

"The council wants to turn two-hour bays around the Island into on street parking, with only one hour free and up to £10 all day.

"We're being treated unfairly compared to other parts of Barry. Everywhere else there is a free two-hour period and there are no on-street charges apart from Barry Island. The Knap is having a winter

reduction but the Island isn't."

Mr Ross said he wasn't against some charging, but added: "Why can't they do two hours free on-street parking, allow free parking in the evenings after 6pm and knock off the charging for four months in the winter?"

He said that none of the parking consultations had taken place on Barry Island and he thought if the new strategy was adopted it would lead to visitors parking in residential areas.

Fellow trader Mark Vockins, who owns the Quasar attraction on the Island, has contacted local MP Alun Cairns appealing for his support.

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**Does Greggs lorry get an extra slice of the action?**



*A Greggs delivery lorry parked on the pavement in Holton Road.*

**BUSINESS** owners on Holton Road, Barry claim the bakery chain Greggs is getting preferential treatment from traffic wardens, leaving a sour taste in their mouths.

Greggs insists it hasn't been given special treatment and is keen to work with other businesses "to find the best solution for everyone".

The parking bay used by Greggs and other independent retailers is available for unloading from 6.30am until 10.30am and is then available for public use.

But local business owners say the Greggs lorry regularly arrives at around 10.30am and is often greeted by an obliging traffic warden who has kept the space open for them. They say it then sometimes hogs the bay for up to an hour - a period of time that should be available to the public.

Ferd Ulug, who owns La Cucina, said: "The cut-off time is 10.30am, but the warden waits there to make sure the Greggs lorry gets a space. It's favouritism - we wouldn't be allowed to do it."

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## 'The asylum is being run by the lunatics'

I WOULD like to respond to Cllr Mahoney's letter in The GEM last week and say that, for once, there seems to be a councillor with concerns for the people he serves.

I am a senior citizen living on a state pension. I have an active dog who needs two good walks a day. She needs to go where she can exercise fully, i.e. beach, fields, parks.

If I have to pay £1 every time I walk her, it will cost me £14 per week; £56 per month. This is an amount I simply cannot afford as I am on a very tight budget.

I am sure there are many people, not just dog owners or pensioners, whose pleasure in our wonderful surroundings will be ruined by this charge. Just driving to the beach or park to have a coffee will become more expensive.

Why can't the Vale Council, in their infinite wisdom, allow the same concessions as for parking in the town centre – the first hour free? This would give plenty of time for people to walk their dogs and have a coffee without having to pay a surcharge. I am sure local cafes would benefit too as a drop in visitors and dog walkers would be detrimental to their businesses.

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The council may have said they are not introducing any more restrictions on dogs at various locations, but it seems they are getting at us in another way as it is mainly dog walkers who can be seen on the beaches and in the parks; just another way of making life as difficult as possible for the residents of Barry.

Kate Mailer,  
Barry.

## 'Councillors not allowed their own opinion'

I READ with concern of the 'sacking' of Cllr Gordon Kemp from the Cabinet. My concerns are that he is working for the people in the Vale of Glamorgan, and therefore voting against the proposed budget and working for his Ward constituents by voting against the closure of Llancarfan School.

It seems that the cabinet is only allowed to be of one mind, and not allowed to have an opinion of their own.

Name and address supplied.

## 'Funds boosted by Lent lunches'

OVER recent weeks, a series of Spring/Lent lunches were held at All Saints' Church, Barry.

After four weeks, £1,164 for specific developments within All Saints' Church and church hall were raised. We would like to thank all of those who attended and helped us to raise such a magnificent sum.

We hope to be back in November with our autumn lunches.

Jen Morgan, on behalf of The Soup Ladies  
All Saints' Church.

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## Welsh Water set to start on £2.5 million work in Barry

WELSH Water's £2.5 million upgrade to the wastewater system in Nant Talwg, Barry is due to start in April.

The company plans to install a new pipe from Nant Talwg pumping station across private land to the rear of the Cwm Cidi housing estate, before connecting in to the existing network on Glamorgan Street.

Around a kilometre of wastewater pipe – which has reached the end of its operational life

– is due to be replaced by the not for profit water company. It is anticipated that the work will be completed towards the end of August.

Some trees have already been removed to clear a path through the area for the new pipes. This work was closely monitored by an ecologist to ensure minimal impact on the local environment. The company intends to replace any trees removed with the same, or similar, species to ensure no long-term impact. This section of work was timed to be carried out outside the nesting period. The company will continue to closely monitor wildlife and the environmental impact after the work to lay the new pipes has begun.

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### HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL APRIL 4)

*The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.*

*For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.*

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02 Tues	05.55	8.6	18.17	8.8
03 Wed	06.32	9.0	18.52	9.2
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## Vale Council leader is '... out of touch' suggests GEM reader

## A STEM-tastic week of fun at Albert Primary



LAST week the four STEM subjects took over Albert Primary School.

Pupils from nursery to year 6 have experienced a range of science, technology, engineering and maths challenges.

During the week the children also designed eco-friendly, sustainable and futuristic vehicles, ranging from life size hamster balls to cars powered by salt water.

After that, they used their STEM skills to bring their schematics alive. Though they were only models, it left pupils and staff awestruck.

STEM week inspired many pupils to open a window to the world of science, while making a positive change to their future. The brilliant experiments, the colorful lab coats in addition to the LEGO ducks in the courtyard concluded a STEM-tastic week for everyone within Albert Primary.

We can't wait for next year!

Paddy Corrigan  
(Media Monitor – aged 11)

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# Flooding in Dinas Powys is under investigation

DINAS POWYS community councillors are concerned about flooding on land between the main road and Cross Common Road and the effect future incidents could have on local properties.

Recent flooding spread into the garden of an existing property on the main road.

Councillors point out that the Edenstone Homes development on Cross Common Road includes a pond that stores rainwater at peak times but did not seem to have worked properly, and adjacent land was flooded.

A council investigation is now under way to determine whether the flooding was caused by a blockage in a drain or due to high river levels downstream.

Cllr Chris Franks said: "We have sent pictures to the Vale Council of the flooding which extends beyond the site. Prior to planning being granted the council was warned of the flooding risk. The public will want to know what the council

intends to do about the current situation and how it will prevent a repeat of this situation."

Fellow community councillor Richard Grigg said planning permission should have ensured residents were protected, and said he wondered whether there was a risk to the main road that runs from Dinas to Barry.

A spokesperson for Edenstone Homes said the company had had a meeting with the Vale Council over the raised water level in the pond area. "We understand residents' concerns about flooding and as a responsible homebuilder we take our commitment to the environment seriously. In line with current SUDs (sustainable drainage system) guidance, we have constructed a storm water storage pond at our development on Cross Common Road with drainage designed to accommodate a 'once in 100 years' storm event, plus an allowance for climate change. This system connects to a storm drain under Cardiff Road, as approved by the Vale Council.

"During the recent heavy rainfall, we were



Dinas Powys community councillors have been concerned by recent flooding on land between the main road and Cross Common Road.

notified of the raised water level within the pond area. We met the Vale of Glamorgan who are, as we understand it, investigating a potential blockage in the drain under Cardiff Road.

"We will continue to monitor the water levels and work with the council to ensure the system is working effectively as designed. If any further works are required, we will work closely with the council to resolve the matter."

A Vale Council spokesperson explained that rainfall in the area

should flow via a pipe into the River Cadoxton. He said: "Work undertaken by Natural Resources Wales identified this site as being at high risk of surface water flooding prior to development.

Following consultation with the developer, the site layout was designed to accommodate water flows and manage the impact of the new development downstream.

"We would encourage all residents of the Vale to consider their level of flood risk using the resources available on Natural Resources Wales' website."

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The new houses have all been elevated to reduce the risk of internal flooding, whether from a blockage or extreme rainfall overwhelming the drainage system, and this measure protected them in this instance.

"They can currently only park on street for a maximum of two hours during peak times. The new on-street parking charges are geared to better promote our car parks as the main parking locations but to also provide an option for those who

wish to park closer to the beach and other amenities for longer periods.

"Under the new proposals, there will be an option to park for up to two hours on street for £2. Further, there will also be an option of an annual car park permit for £300 for Harbour Road and Nell's Point car parks, working out at less than £1 a day for all-year parking. Disabled drivers displaying blue badges will continue to be able to park for free.

"After 4pm in both Harbour Road and Nell's Point car park, cars can park for £1 for one hour and for £3 up until 11pm."

The spokesman also emphasised that visitors could consider other arrangements: "Barry Island offers a range of alternative travel options for both visitors and local residents with regular bus and train services, and safe and accessible pedestrian and cycle routes from various locations in Barry.

"All income received will be used to support car parks, the provision of road improvement services and public transport."

Local MP Alun Cairns said businesses were right to be concerned: "I have been in contact with traders on Barry Island and I fully support their opposition to proposed parking charges on the Island. Ahead of the Vale Council's scrutiny committee meeting next week, I have supplied my comments as the MP for the area in which I strongly oppose the introduction of charges."

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## Traders set to fight parking charges

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Mr Vockins said: "We have pay and display car parks in the Vale already that have been in operation for years and make the council a lot of money. For example, Harbour Road and Nell's Point car parks made £385,000 alone in the 2017-2018 financial year. Why is this not enough?

"The parking proposals could devastate the Island – it could become a 'no go area' for locals who come on a daily basis."

Mr Vockins said it was ironic that it would put off local people who had already paid their council tax while people from other areas who made occasional visits to the Island would accept the charges.

Barry Island councillor Steffan Wilham said: "The Conservative-run Vale Council is being completely irresponsible and is putting jobs at risk. We know that they haven't conducted an economic impact assessment on their plans, but it seems as if they don't care about the impact as long as they get their coin."

But when The GEM approached the Vale Council this week, it did not appear to be considering back-tracking on the proposals.

A spokesman said: "As part of the new proposed charges for 2019/20, visitors to Barry Island will be able to park all day on street or in one of the two large car parks for a fee.

"They can currently only park on street for a maximum of two hours during peak times. The new on-street parking charges are geared to better promote our car parks as the main parking locations but to also provide an option for those who

## LOCAL VALE LAW FIRM WINS TOP UK AWARD 'SUCCESS STARTS WITH A GREAT TEAM'

Catherine Hartland & Alexandra Jenkins

Local Barry Law firm attended the prestigious Modern Law Awards in Manchester on Thursday 31 January 2019 and were the only law firm from Wales to reach the finals, the only law firm to be finalists in more than 2 awards, and the only law firm to come away with three awards.

Catherine Hartland won Managing Partner of the Year UK



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# Residents recall the day relatives returned from The Great War

Some of the descendants who attended the function.



## 'It's their fault' says speaker at men's group

MEMBERS of Barry Men's Forum recently welcomed retired headteacher, Bruce Hawkins from Neath, to speak and display slides on such natural phenomena as earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis.

Mr Hawkins advanced his education at Swansea University to study geology. After graduating, he frequently travelled the world to expand his knowledge and it is still his passion. Members were told of a planar fracture across which there has been a significant displacement as a result of rock mass movement. Large areas of the world's surface, such

as the San Andreas and the North West Pacific Cascadia are examples of many of the earth's faults.

In recent times, there has been a lot of seismic activity in the South Pacific and New Zealand which has had a massive effect on the lives of the residents.

Britain is not on a major fault, but close to our shores are Italy and Iceland which can have major seismic problems.

The Forum meets every Thursday at 9.45am at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Aberystwyth Crescent, Barry. New members are always welcome; further details from Mac Tanner on 01446 743455.

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DESCENDANTS of five Penarth World War One prisoners of war recently met to celebrate the centenary of their safe return – an occasion that was marked by a civic dinner.

In March 1919, 35 Penarth men attended a 'Repatriated Prisoners of War Welcome Home' dinner hosted by the former council. Their names and addresses were included on the menu card for the event and the card was retained by one of the organisers, Catherine Meazey.

Her granddaughter, Dorothy Foulkes, now has the menu card and kindly provided a copy to local historians Marcus Payne and Bruce Wallace. One of the 35 was Tom Wallace, grandfather of Bruce Wallace. Following publicity of the names of all Penarth PoWs, descendants of several men came forward. Attending the centenary reception were (pictured above, from left): Diana Farmer, whose great uncle was civilian Ivor John Evans, 29 Grove Place; Alan Aberg, nephew of Sergeant Gustaf Aberg, 118 Windsor Road; Kathleen Rollings, granddaughter of Lance Corporal George Frost, 65 Salop Street; Lynette Ridd, granddaughter of Rifleman John Alexander McDougall,

13 Glebe Street and Bruce Wallace and Jean Hepburn, grandchildren of Private Tom Wallace, 49 Salop Street.

Also in the photograph is Marcus Payne who provided extracts of World War One newspaper reports detailing information about Penarth PoWs at the time.

Bruce Wallace, who organised the Penarth reception, said: "It was a lovely afternoon meeting the other descendants as we all had something in common. It was also nice to celebrate the centenary of a happy event in Penarth's history.

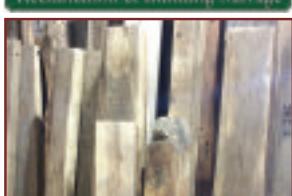
"I am sure that my grandfather and the others must have suffered after the end of World War One. However, they must have also enjoyed being the special guests at the 1919 reception.

"I must thank Dorothy Foulkes for providing a copy of the original menu and Marcus Payne for his work in finding the stories of so many Penarth PoWs. If anyone else has further information on former Penarth World War One PoWs, they can email me on brucewallace.cowin@gmail.com."

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## Probus members learn about the early days of polar exploration

THE Probus Club of Penarth held its Annual General Meeting on March 19.

At the meeting, the outgoing president, Rev Tony Stevens, inaugurated Alun Daniel as the new president for 2019-20.

After the meeting a very interesting talk was given by Mike Tarver, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, on the heroic age of polar exploration and Robert F Scott's last Antarctic expedition in 1910.

He spoke about the people who were part of the expedition. He also referred to the five who made it to the South Pole on January 17, 1912, only to find that they had been beaten by the Norwegian explorer, Roald Amundsen, and his party who arrived there on December 14, 1911. None of Scott's team returned alive.

The talk was then followed by a very enjoyable lunch at the Seashore Grill in Sully. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16, with a talk by local historian Alan Thorne on 'Penarth 1939-45'. The focus will be on life in Penarth during the Second World War.

New members are always welcome to join Probus. It is open to both



Outgoing president Rev Tony Stevens (left) and new president Alun Daniel.

South Road, Sully. The club meets at 10am for a 10.30am start with guest speakers on varied topics of interest. Light refreshments are provided and meetings finish before 12 noon. There are also occasional visits to places of interest and special lunches at various times of the year. Anyone interested in joining Probus can contact Gareth Price on 02920 532 793.

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# 'Walk in her Name 2019' this Sunday

HUNDREDS of people are expected to take part in the 'Walk in her Name' event this weekend to honour local people fighting cancer and to remember those who have died because of it.

The walk takes place this Mother's Day, Sunday, March 31 starting at Barry cemetery at midday. The event is organised by Alison Woolcock who was named 'Fundraiser of the Year' last year by Nation Radio.

She told The GEM she is still inspired by the memory of her sister Lesley who was a tireless campaigner who raised awareness of ovarian cancer. Alison explained: "It is nearly three years since Lesley's untimely death from ovarian cancer, but she continues to inspire me to continue raising awareness of the importance of early diagnosis because she fought to live and didn't want other people to have the same experiences as her.

"It is very sad that Wales has the worst



Lesley and Alison.

outcomes in the whole of Europe when it comes to the treatment of women with ovarian cancer, and even more poignant that ovarian cancer success rates remain at the same level as the 1970s.

"Lesley's strength was her ability to make people feel welcome, wanted and comfortable and this event promotes us all to unite together and support one another to recognise and honour those in our community who have had cancer.

On Facebook Walk in her Name has posted profiles of inspirational people who have been

affected by or coped with cancer. People who take part in Walk in her Name donate £10 each which goes to Ovarian Cancer Action.

Alison said: "The walk goes down Tynwydd Road, along Gladstone Road and then across the Waterfront until we get to Lesley's bench at the gardens on Barry Island. After a short break, where snacks and drinks will be provided, the walkers can return along the same route."

Afterwards, walkers are welcome to gather at Tynwydd Inn. The church at the cemetery will open by the Friends of Barry Cemetery so people can light candles in memory of loved ones. If people want to make an online donation to Ovarian Cancer Action, they can go to [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alison-woolcock2](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alison-woolcock2).

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## Tenovus quiz and a spring fashion show helps raise much-needed funds



### Plaid Cymru selects candidate for Court ward

PLAID Cymru has selected Dennis Clarke to contest the seat for Court ward on Barry Town Council.

A qualified solicitor, he is standing in the election on April 11 following the resignation of Richard Bertin.



THE Barry Friends of Tenovus Committee would like to thank Romilly Bowls Club and all those who attended their recent quiz on March 22.

Several teams competed and the committee raised nearly £400. The committee would also like to thank Graham Cogbill, the evening's quizmaster, who once again put the teams through their paces with some tricky questions!

Continuing with their fundraising, the committee are holding a spring fashion show at Sully Bowls Club, South Road, Sully on Thursday, April 4 at 7pm. Edinburgh Woollen Mill, who have a Penarth base in

Windsor Road, will host the event. All are welcome to come along and see their latest fashions. There will be a bar and the committee will also hold a raffle. Tickets (£5) from Mary Thomas on 01446 733978 or Beryl Holmes on 01446 408420.

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## Local women's forum commemorated the life of Dorothy Rees



Jane Hutt with Cllr Sandra Perkes, Women's Officer, and Catherine Iannucci, Youth Officer and Belinda Loveluck-Edwards.

ON March 22, the Vale Women's Forum held its annual event to commemorate Dorothy Rees, the only woman to represent Barry in Westminster.

During Women's History Month, the Labour Women's Forum has held a memorial event to celebrate her achievements every year since 2002.

Mrs Rees was born in Barry and worked as a teacher. She was a member of the Barry Borough Council and of the Glamorgan County Council from 1934.

She was elected as a Labour MP in 1950, but lost her seat 20 months later in the 1951 General Election.

She was the first woman to

represent a south Wales constituency in Parliament. Mrs Rees became an alderman of the council and was its chairman in 1964-65, the second woman to occupy that position.

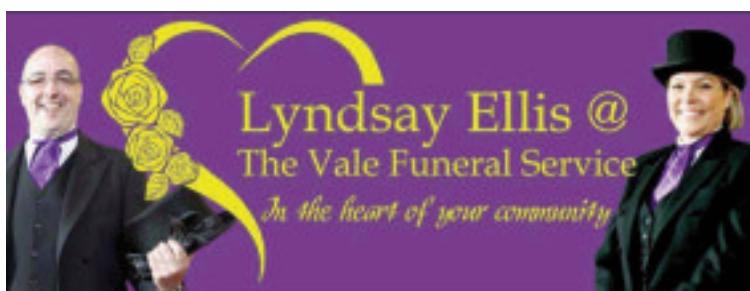
She has been described as "... a pioneer for women in south Wales" and a plaque to commemorate her life and work can be found in Newland Street in Barry.

This year, the group held an afternoon tea and a quiz. Speeches were made by Ms Hutt, Cllr Sandra Perkes and Catherine Iannucci.

Ms Hutt said: "It was wonderful to see so many members coming together to commemorate the work Dorothy Rees did, and I was pleased to take part in this year's celebration." AS

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## Traders claim Greggs lorry gets special treatment

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Ferd continued: "If our drivers are late they would have to find somewhere else to unload – but we make sure our drivers come at around 8am."

He said Greggs appeared to be getting "a gold-plated service".

Gareth Slattery, the owner of The Butterfly Collector, said it was unfair that local independent businesses followed the loading times, but Greggs was given special treatment.

He said: "It's a case of the traffic warden looking after big business while we have to abide by the rules. It's very unfair. Greggs should sort out their logistics like everybody else."

Ciaran Webb of Bagnall's said the Greggs lorry turned up close to 10.30am most days: "They should be gone by 10.30am or get ticketed. We would get tickets."

The GEM asked Greggs whether it could reschedule deliveries so it completed its unloading by 10.30am.

A Greggs spokesperson explained: "Because we're delivering fresh food there are limits on

when we can time deliveries, but we can confirm Greggs has not been given any preferential treatment by local traffic wardens.

"We're sorry to hear other business owners are frustrated and are looking into how we can work together to find the best solution for everyone."

Mike Clogg of the Vale Council said: "The bays in question are reserved for the unloading of deliveries from 6.30am to 10.30am and parking enforcement officers endeavour to keep them clear for this purpose during these times.

"From 10.30am any vehicle can legitimately park in these spaces for up to two hours and parking enforcement officers certainly do not take steps to reserve them for any vehicle in particular beyond this time.

"The time until which these spaces could be used for loading was reduced from 12noon to 10.30am at the request of the traders in 2017. If this arrangement is no longer appropriate the council may have to review it."

The Vale MP said: "I

YEARS 5 and 6 pupils at Oak Field Primary have held a 'mock Parliament' with local MP, Alun Cairns. The session was designed by the Vale MP to demonstrate to the children how a Bill is taken to Parliament.

Pupils played the role of MPs and Peers, as they followed the process of taking two Bills through Parliament, one Bill on the 'Provision of School Holidays' and the second on 'Banning Non-Recyclable Plastics' which fit in with the school's work on environmental issues.

They learned about the scrutiny and debate involved with the procession of a Bill through both the House of Commons and Lords, before receiving Royal Assent and becoming legislation. Mr Cairns also visited classes in the school from year-3 to year-6, to discuss their work on environmental issues and held mini debates about how we can best protect our planet. The classes told Mr Cairns about the issues that they care about most and learned about what actions have been taken in Parliament to support the environment.

Oak Field teacher Mr Chapman said: "The children and staff at Oak Field were thrilled to welcome Mr Cairns to the school. It was great for the children to find out how Parliament works and what it has done on a variety of environmental issues. They were also pleased to give their views on what should be done. It really taught the children so much."

Last week, Vale AM Jane Hutt joined pupils from Oak Field Primary School in Barry to take part in real science experiments at Dow Corning as part of Science Week.

The activities promoted science and maths education by getting children interested in science at a young age.

Ms Hutt said: "It was wonderful to join the pupils and see them engaging with the experiments. It is incredibly important that pupils can be inspired by science at an early age."

Notice of surgery: Mrs Hutt will be holding an advice surgery at The Gathering Place in Flemington Road, St Athan CF62 4JH on Friday, March 29, 4pm to 5pm.

## Vale MP and Vale AM pay a visit to Oak Field Primary School



really enjoyed visiting Oak Field Primary to hold the mock Parliament session. It's a great way to demonstrate to pupils how the Parliamentary process works and they really engaged with it. It was also useful to learn about their ongoing work on the environment. I will be going back to London with messages for the Prime Minister on what the children at Oak Field want to see, such as greater protection of trees."



### Film night

THE Benefice of Barry is holding another Big Screen with Mary Poppins Returns at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry on Friday, April 5 from 7pm.

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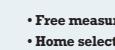
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**Spring fair**  
AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding a spring fair on Tuesday, April 2 at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, from 10am to 12 noon; admission is free.

There will be a wide range of stalls including homemade cakes, crafts and books; also a raffle with many attractive prizes. An Age Connects welfare rights adviser will be available to chat to. Proceeds are for the benefit of the Senior Health Shop, helping the community. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

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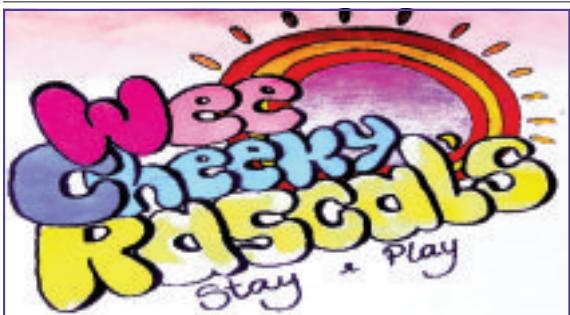
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**ARTWORK** created by women from the Vale is being displayed at Art Central Gallery in Barry this month.

The Women's Arts Association's (WAA) International Women's Day exhibition features over 70 pieces created by women across Wales and the Vale.

The exhibition covers themes of family and home, health and wellbeing, and love and loss, and includes portraits and landscapes.

International Women's Day took place on March 8 and as part of the event, the WAA has been celebrating creative women for more than 30 years.

Barry artist Professor Gerda Roper was introduced by WAA Chair Jilly Hicks, and welcomed visitors to the opening.

She said: "The artists touch on a wide range of subjects. They all

speak, through their own visual language, of what they note, what matters to them, and what moves them."

"There are traditional tapestries and embroideries, some wonderful soft sculptures, both humorous and endearing in their invention, surrounded by glorious paintings, watercolours, collages, photographs, lithographs, linoprints and drawings."

The exhibition runs until April 6 from Monday to Saturday.

Entry costs £2 for non-Art Central Friends and Women's Arts Association members.

For more information on art in the Vale, visit [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/enjoying/Art-Central-Gallery](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/enjoying/Art-Central-Gallery).

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## Local lifeboat crews rescue drunken sailors

**LOCAL** lifeboat crews made worldwide headlines after they helped to rescue three sailors who got stranded on an island in the Bristol Channel.

The three men, Russian, Dutch and Phillipine nationals, were aboard a cargo ship anchored two miles off the Somerset coast.

They had decided to go for a pint in Minehead using an inflatable dinghy, but the tidal surge swept them across to Barry.

They attempted a return journey to the cargo ship at 3.45am on Thursday, March 21, but were reported missing three hours later.

Lifeboats were launched from Barry Dock, Penarth, Minehead and Burnham-on-Sea and a coastguard helicopter Penarth Lifeboat



arrive at Flat Holm Island to rescue the three sailors who got lost in the fog as they attempted to get back to their cargo ship off the Somerset coast.

also helped in the search. "We went global and managed to hit the Moscow news. Of course, the main thing was that the three sailors were safe and well."

"The added bonus is that we've put Penarth on the map and done a lot to raise awareness of the work the RNLI volunteers do."

A spokesman for the RNLI said:

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PENDOYLAN ROAD (PART) BONVILSTON) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2019

- On 28th March 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:
- The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Pendoylan Road (Part) Bonvilston) (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order" 2019 and will come into force on 8th April 2019.

### SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

### SCHEDULE 2

**Location:** The road to be closed is the Pendoylan Road from Sycamore Cross Traffic Lights at the A48 for a distance of 600m to the junction with the road to Peterston-Super-Ely.

**Reason:** To allow for road widening works to be undertaken.

**Duration:** From 8.00am on Monday 8th April 2019 until 5.00pm on Sunday 26th May 2019

**Alt. Route:** Signed diversions will be in place for Eastbound traffic via- A48, Culverhouse Cross, Michaelston Road Cardiff, Croft y Gaenau Road - Cardiff, St Brides Road - Peterston Super Ely through to Peterston Super Ely

village Westbound traffic will be via A48, Watery Lane - Welsh St Donats and the unnamed lane leading from Hensol Cottage to Pendoylan and vice-versa.

**NB:** Pedestrian access will remain in place at all times.

Dated this 28th day of March 2019  
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## New MYP elected for the Vale



**VALE MP Alun Cairns has welcomed 18-year-old Cameron Edwards to his new role as Member of the Youth Parliament (MYP) for the Vale of Glamorgan.**

Cameron was recently elected by the Vale Youth Forum to be the representative for the Vale of Glamorgan in the UK Youth Parliament, which sits in the House of Commons in Westminster. The Youth Forum is made up of young people from across the Vale.

Mr Cairns said: "It's a pleasure to welcome Cameron to his new role as MYP for the Vale of Glamorgan, he's got great enthusiasm for politics. This is a fantastic

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## Lottery looks back at 25 years of good causes

**NEW figures reveal that nearly £457 million of National Lottery funding has been invested in the Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan local authority areas since the National Lottery began almost 25 years ago.**

A Lottery spokesperson said: "Nearly 7,700 National Lottery grants have been awarded since 1994, helping to strengthen communities, power our sports teams, protect the environment, unleash local creative talent and look after the elderly and those at risk."

A wide variety of local projects have received National Lottery funding over the last 25 years. Large grants have gone to:

- Developing and creating the Principality Stadium (£46.4 million)
- Building the Wales Millennium Centre - Wales' national home for the performing arts in Cardiff Bay (£31.7 million);
- Breathing new life into the Grade II listed Dyffryn House and Grade I listed Edwardian garden (£6.7 million); and restoring the Grade

II listed Penarth Pier and Pavilion back to its former glory (£3.1 million).

Most National Lottery grants, however, are for £10,000 or less, for instance, £5,400 for the restoration of memorial gates at Cowbridge Cricket Club.

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## Your chance to have a say on Vale parking charges

THE proposed introduction of new parking charges has been a contentious issue in recent weeks and a special session of the Vale's environment and regeneration committee on Thursday, April 4, will put them under the spotlight.

Members of the public are allowed to speak at the meeting if they register in advance.

The meeting starts at 4.30pm with parking issues discussed at 6pm, and councillors could propose changes to the car parking strategy. Three hours have been allocated to the debate.

Cllr Vincent Bailey, who chairs the committee, said members of the public were welcome to attend and make their views known.

He said: "This is the last chance to ensure that your concerns are listened to, and to make sure that any plans for parking charges don't cause irreparable damage

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## Fishing competition to be held to remember Martin

UNEXPECTEDLY, but peacefully on March 15, our loving father Martin Burke passed away.

"I have serious concerns over the impact that charges could have, especially when you consider the impact of out-of-town shopping centres like Culverhouse Cross and McArthur Glen which offer free parking.

"The strategy also affects our country parks and coastal car parks, so everyone will be affected in a range of ways by these plans to generate income for the council.

"That's why we want to see as many people as possible at the committee session next week."

The Vale Council says it has to introduce the new charges to raise additional income to deliver services residents need, and to maintain the Vale's car parks.

Members of the public must register to speak by Wednesday, April 3 on the Vale Council website. For more information go to: [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our\\_council/Council-Structure/scrutiny/scrutiny.aspx](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/Council-Structure/scrutiny/scrutiny.aspx)



proceeds will be put towards funeral costs. An award ceremony will be held at Barry Island Sport and Social Club.

SWSA run by Rob Cole has kindly agreed to sponsor the meet, and supply WFSWA score cards on the day. We hope to see you there! A page for the event is available on Facebook for any questions or queries under the name 'Martin Burke Fishing Cup Event' or telephone 07842 113443

Raffle tickets will also be available on the day and we are asking for a donation of £5 for the event: all

With many thanks from Martin's children Robert and Jessica Wylie and all his family and friends.

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## 'Questions to answer over J34 link road', says AM

RESIDENTS' concerns about Welsh Government plans to build a link road between the A48 and M4 Junction 34 must be addressed, south Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has said.

Mr Davies claimed there was a "general consensus" among local residents that improvements to the existing road were required, but that the current plans were both "disproportionate and inappropriate".

He questioned the necessity of plans to build a completely new section of road through Pendoylan – including a potential viaduct that would slice through residents' homes.

At least nine residents are currently at risk of losing their homes, while objections to the WeTag1 consultation were largely ignored. He also claimed the decision to prioritise the road, hugely unpopular with local residents, over the much championed Dinas Powys by-pass was "strange".

Mr Davies has raised concerns in the Senedd, pointing out the project would only go ahead with Welsh Government support, and that a statement from

ministers was required. Mr Davies said: "Most people are in agreement that we need better links between the M4 and A48, but there are legitimate concerns over these plans and whether they amount to a white elephant. "There has been insufficient engagement with local residents who only found out by chance that a new viaduct could be built directly on the boundary AS

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# Sky notes: looking at April skies

**Ursa Major, the great bear, (the Plough), the most recognisable part of the constellation, is now almost overhead.**

The two leading stars (the pointers) show the way to our pole star. Draw an imaginary line from them downwards towards the northern horizon and about halfway down is the pole star.

Polaris is around 700 light years away and perhaps as much as 5,000 times as luminous as our Sun. The pole star is part of another constellation - Ursa Minor - the little bear. It is not as large or as striking as the Plough, but does look similar, almost like a mini plough.

Everything revolves around the pole star, although due to precession, the current pole star

did not always hold this status. Many years in the future, the celestial pole will lie near the even brighter star Vega in the constellation of Lyre.

In the opposite direction, use the pointers and draw an imaginary line down towards the southern horizon. About half way down, you will come across Leo the Lion.

The main part always reminds me of a backward facing question mark and the full stop is marked by a very bright star, Regulus. On the 14th and 15th of the month, the Moon lies close to Regulus and should help identify the constellation.

When the Moon is out of the way, use a pair of binoculars to help identify a couple of bright stars, Gamma, half way up the question mark and Mu, at the top of the question mark. They will both have a lovely orange hue.

While we are looking at the colour of different stars, go back to the plough, locate the end star opposite the pointers and draw an imaginary line, this time in the shape of a curve, and you will find Arcturus, the brightest star in the constellation of Boötes.

Arcturus is one of the brightest stars in the sky and even your naked eye should show up its distinct orange colour. Binoculars will confirm this. Arcturus lies quite close to us and is much more luminous than our Sun. Use the Moon to help you locate the planet Venus in the morning sky on the 2nd, Jupiter in the morning of 23rd and 24th and Saturn in the morning of 25th and 26th.

Visit [www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com](http://www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com) for details of meetings to observe the night sky.

Dave Powell

## Get a March on your spring planting...

ANYONE stirred by the onset of spring, looking wistfully at what a wet and windy winter has done to their garden should drop in on a plant sale on Saturday, March 30 at St Augustine's Church at Church Place South, Penarth from 10am to 12 noon.

There will be a variety of seedlings, cuttings, plants ready to pot on, and much more.

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## Sam Davies Ward celebrates nurse's award-winning night



ON March 15 at City Hall, Cardiff and the Vale University Health Board held its eighth annual Staff Recognition Awards ceremony.

Colleagues and managers nominate individuals for their contribution to the delivery of the Health Board's aims and objectives. Sister Linda Edwards received two awards on the night - Joint Manager of the Year and a Special Commendation from Maria Battle, the chair of Cardiff and the Vale UHB.

Sister Edwards said: "I am very honoured to have received two awards but could not have done this without an excellent team behind me on the Sam Davies Ward, Barry Hospital."

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## Ovarian cancer: what are the symptoms?

**BARRY'S 'Walk in her Name' this Mother's Day (March 31), is raising funds for the charity Ovarian Cancer Action.**

The symptoms of ovarian cancer can be very vague, particularly when the disease is in its early stages. What signs and symptoms should women look out for?

Women should see their doctor if they are feeling full quickly, have lost their appetite, have pain in the abdomen or lower part of the abdomen that won't go away, bloating or an increase in the size of the abdomen and needing to wee more often.

Other symptoms include unexplained tiredness, unexplained weight loss, changes in bowel habits or symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome especially if this starts after the age of 50. They are also symptoms of other less serious conditions, but it is advisable for them to be checked by your doctor.

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### Earth Hour beach clean

**BARRY Action for Nature** are organising an Earth Hour torchlight beach clean and serving Fairtrade tea, coffee and Welsh cakes from one of the Barry Island beach huts.

Volunteers are needed for the 30 minute beach clean and to celebrate the start of WWF's Earth Hour on Sunday, March 30 at 8.30pm. All litter picking equipment will be supplied but please bring a torch. There will be a £2 charge for refreshments and all profits will be donated to WWF.

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# On the right track with Speed of Sight

THE conditions were bright, dry, and crisp, perfect for the recent visit to Llandow Circuit by the charity Speed of Sight, which was on its third visit to Llandow, and the first in the 2019 season of track days at circuits across the UK.

Founded by Mike Newman – eight-time World Record holder, including seven Guinness World Records – who is the fastest blind man on the planet on land and water, Speed of Sight offers tutored track and driving experiences to people of all ages with a range of disabilities.

One of those taking part was 'Joseph'. Going on 13 and accompanied by his stepfather 'Andrew'.

The young man was clearly excited by the prospect of taking out a dual-control, automatic racing car.

Before his drive, he said: "I can't believe I'm going to drive a real racing car! I drove small cars at Legoland and reversed my stepdad's MX5 down the drive (Andrew was quick to point out that it took place on a private road, the engine was off, and his hand was on the handbrake the entire time), but I am going to drive a real car!"

Every good track day begins with brekker of a bacon sandwich and a mug of builder's, and the cafe at the track provided a first-class one for all concerned.

After a safety briefing, Joseph picked the car he wanted to drive,

a white Lotus 7-style car – called Simon, after one of Mike's guide dogs – with, coincidentally, an MX5 chassis and engine.

Seated in the cockpit next to his instructor, Phil, Joseph first put on a balaclava, then helmet, while Mike strapped him in.

And then they were off, slowly at first but gaining speed on each successive lap.

"I can't see him," began

Andrew of the car on the far side

of the 1.45-kilometre track, "but I can hear Joseph – and Phil – getting faster and faster all the time."

Joseph's 20 minutes came to an end, and, as he drove into the pit lane, he was received with tumultuous applause.

"It was GREAT!" said Joseph,

beaming and bounding out of the car, "just great! Can I come back to do it again?"

Speed of Sight has just a couple

of full-time staff and relies on

volunteers at its HQ in Bolton

near Manchester and at the circuits

it visits.

Afterwards, talking with

Andrew and volunteers, and just

before a group of pupils from a

local special school arrived, they

gave an insight into what it means

to them.

"I am unbelievably proud of

Joseph," began Andrew, "week

on week he is developing beyond

the levels some thought he could,

and experiences like this – he will

probably never live independently,

let alone be able to drive – don't

make him exceptional in the wider

world, but rather make him 'nor-

mal', doing things that perhaps the

rest of us take for granted.

AJ

"That is what makes his mother and me so proud."

Volunteers echoed these sentiments, adding that the confidence boost it gives, and the change it can make in a person, can be extraordinary.

One volunteer said: "I know of a young man, 'Paul', who couldn't go anywhere without a toy animal, which he used as a form of comfort."

"We told Paul that he couldn't hold his toy and drive, so he had to leave it with us. He was reluctant at first, but gave it to us and drove, taking it back afterwards. However, the next track day Paul came on, he put the toy down without being asked, and the next

track day after that, he didn't bring the toy and his parents said he didn't rely on it any longer."

"It seems like so little, but really it's such progress and such a life-changing achievement. It's pretty humbling to be part of it."

Speed of Sight will return to Llandow Circuit on July 30 and 31 (Tuesday and Wednesday), and some spaces are still available. For further information, visit [www.speedofsight.org](http://www.speedofsight.org).

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## A masterpiece? *Us* is a bravura and exceptional piece of filmmaking...

CHANCES are if you had heard of Jordan Peele before 2017, it was through his comedy partnership with Keegan-Michael Key.

Given that *Get Out* was Jordan Peele's directorial debut, it belied the smarts and savvy of a writer-director who was comfortable using genre tropes to speak out about social concerns.

The gigantic success of that film means that *Us* comes with an incredible amount of hype, yet it takes the tone and style of *Get Out* and shows ambition, growth and an impeccable confidence – it isn't hyperbole to suggest that this film is one of the most powerful and unsettling films of the last few years.

Peele's background in comedy means that his work comes leavened with a dark humour and *Us* is no different; it's a disservice to label it as a

events that leave the family in a state of shock and trying to stay one step ahead of the trouble that lies in store for them...

However, all that changed after Peele's *Get Out*, a satirically-charged horror, wowed audiences and critics alike, bagging Peele an Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay into the bargain, and building anticipation for his follow-up.

That finally arrives in *Us*, a film which tells the story of a family led by Lupita Nyong'o's Adelaide and Winston Duke's Gabe, who are on vacation in Santa Cruz. When they are accosted in their home by four doppelgängers intent on causing them harm, it sets in motion



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horror-comedy, making it sound trite, but this is a film that manages to be brutal yet human, that blackly comedic streak running through the film throughout.

While *Get Out* was a comment on race in America, *Us* seems to be Peele passing comment on living in a world where atrocities and the human capacity to be shocked by them or to be caught up in them grows ever bigger.

It's a clever trick that many directors and writers use, to take big themes but present them through the lens of genre filmmaking, and Peele gets this spot on; look for the allegories and they're there, making it an intelligent and deep piece of work; yet choose to look purely at the surface

and you have a chilling and primal horror film, one that comes wearing the influences of such as Alfred Hitchcock, *The Twilight Zone* (a modern version of which Peele is executive producing) and slasher films and giving them a little twist.

There is a visual ambition, a narrative scope that is bold and Peele shows incredible confidence and assuredness to make something so compelling, so rich in detail. He has a cast that are all incredible, Lupita Nyong'o especially inspired as Adelaide and, as the story progresses, her doppelganger.

To delve any deeper would provide reveals that are best experienced in the cinema rather than being read in a review, but Nyong'o, Winston Duke, Shahadi Wright Joseph and Evan Alex (the family unit who are overrun) all shine brightly with some stunning performances.

Nyong'o, however, is the star of the show, the talented actress handling all the emotions and delivering a thoroughly powerful, and at times jaw-dropping, performance.

You could be slightly cold-hearted and suggest that *Us* lacks any real scares; that, when push comes to shove, it becomes maybe a little too genre-based given

Peele's ambitions, but to bemoan these slight flaws means not looking at the bigger picture.

That picture is one that, drawn by Peele, makes *Us* something so much more: a film that transcends genre, that realises its aim of being more than just a mere chiller thriller; Peele has made a film that overshadows the incredible *Get Out* and, just two films in, reinforces the hope that we have found another filmmaker who has the talent to balance thrill with intelligence, spectacle with social conscience.

**VERDICT:** A film that lingers long afterwards, that is brutal, bonkers, primal and unsettling, *Us* is a triumph for writer-director Jordan Peele, proof both that *Get Out* was no fluke, and also that he has the capacity and potential to be one of the smartest and compelling directors in modern cinema.

The cast are all superb, most notably Lupita Nyong'o's exceptional turn, and this is a film that is layered and dense, yet moves with grace and powerful ease – a masterpiece? Perhaps. *Essential viewing.*

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Get Out* (2017), *The Strangers* (2008).

## What's on, and where?

### Barry Stroke support group

THE Stroke Association is forming a new stroke support group in Barry for stroke survivors and their families on the first Thursday of each month, at the Age Connects cafe on Holton Road, Barry from 10am to 12pm.

We offer friendly advice and support to anyone who has to deal with this debilitating condition. Come and meet others who are in a similar situation. Coffee and cakes available for a small fee.

### Art exhibition for MIND

LOCAL artist Rhys Horler is exhibiting his artworks at the Travellers' Gallery, Barry Station, with 20 per cent of the takings going to the mental health charity MIND.

The exhibition, entitled 'Super Heroes', opened on March 25 and will run until Friday, May 10 and is open on weekdays from 7am until midday.

### Railway talk

THE March lecture of the Barry and Penarth Railway Society will take place at 7.30pm at The Penarth Conservative Club (CF64 2EZ) on Thursday, March 28 when David Franklin will describe a journey across Canada on 'The Canadian' Art Society.

ON Thursday, March 28, the Cowbridge Art Society holds its last meeting of the spring term with an illustrated lecture by art history lecturer, Eleanor Bird from Monmouth, on 'Modernism and Abstraction: Key moments in Art'.

The summer term starts on May 2 with a visit by Cardiff artist, teacher and demonstrator Howard Jones, who will give a demonstration using mixed media.

CAS welcomes artists of any level, and also non-artists for demonstrations of art technique or illustrated lectures.

The group meets on Thursday evenings from 7pm–9pm) and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome. For further details, collect a programme from the Old Hall or see [www.facebook.com/cowbridgeartsociety](http://www.facebook.com/cowbridgeartsociety) or Instagram @cowbridgeartsociety.

### Coffee morning

Y BONT Crafters Club will hold their first seasonal coffee morning on March 30 at Laleston Gardening Club, Blandy Hall to help raise funds for local children's charity Y Bont, which supports babies and children with disabilities and additional needs.

Tickets are £1, available from Y Bont and includes tea/coffee. Stalls include craft and cake stands, raffle and tombola.

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### U3A open day

COWBRIDGE U3A will hold an open day on Saturday, March 30 from 10am to 1pm in the Lesser Hall of

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Refreshments available. See [www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge) for more information.

### Vegan fair in Penarth

ABSOLUTELY Fabulous Vegan Fairs are hosting a Mother's Day event in the Paget Rooms on Victoria Road, Penarth (CF64 3EG) between 1pm and 5pm on March 31. Admission £1 adults, children free. Raffle tickets - we have some fab prizes and new goods. Call Sue 02920 709292 for further information (although all stalls are taken now).

### Bingo in Rhoose

THE management committee at Rhoose Community Hall are holding their monthly Bingo afternoon this Saturday, March 30.

The doors at the Stewart Road Hall will open at 1.30pm for a prompt start at 2.30pm. At the half-time break, light refreshments will be provided together with the usual raffle. Please come and join us.

### Beach clean in Barry

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches' March beach clean will be on Sunday, March 31, at Jackson's Bay, Barry Island. Volunteers should meet near the bottom of the path near the beach for a 3pm start.

The beach clean is part of Keep Wales Tidy's Spring Clean events; the litter pick lasts for an hour and equipment will be supplied. We welcome volunteers of all ages, but ask that

### Barry War Museum

A 'drop-in' event takes place at the museum on Wednesday, April 3, from 6pm to 8pm at the Old Railway Station, Barry Island.

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### Valeways for Health in Penarth

VALEWAYS walking charity is delighted to announce a new Coffee Shop Stroller group in Penarth.

The walks will start from the cliff top car park at 2:30pm and are designed for people wanting that extra bit of encouragement. The scheme has proved a resounding success in Barry, Cosmeston, Cowbridge, and Llantwit Major.

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# New chefs cook up a treat for care home residents

**A**CARDIFF care home will be cooking up delights for residents, having welcomed a new kitchen team to its experienced line-up of dedicated staff and carers.

Tŷ Llandaff, a private nursing, residential and respite care home in Conway Road, Pontcanna, has taken on head chef Christopher Bohun to head up their kitchen and provide delicious and specifically tailored menus for residents.

Christopher (32), who has always had a love of cooking and cuisine, achieved an NVQ in catering after leaving school and then achieved a BTEC in catering at Cardiff and Vale College, formerly known as Coleg Glan Hafrafn.

During his career to date, he has built up a wide range of experience and has developed his own cooking style, working in a variety of kitchens in public houses, restaurants and high end care homes.



At Tŷ Llandaff, the duo is working on developing and delivering a healthy, balanced and varied menu that suits both the tastes and dietary requirements of the residents.

Christopher said: "I'm really excited to be getting started on the menu for Tŷ Llandaff. I use a 'food first' approach which focusses on nutrition and makes sure that the food is enriched with the goodness to meet individual needs. Older residents tend to lose fat more quickly so

it is important that their food is rich in good fats and proteins, essential for energy and health, as well as food full of iron and vitamins.

"But of course, it is essential that the menu is tailored to the tastes of residents and also supports their social timetable. For example, I love to cook a hearty Sunday roast, which serves as a marking point in the week, usually proves very popular with residents, and is a great chance for people to come together over a

meal and chat. "My style of cooking is traditional British and French, which tends to go down well with our residents, and when presenting the menu I am careful to name dishes that are familiar to them so they are clear what we will be serving."

Sous chef Owain Jones (28), from Llandrindod Wells, received a glowing report from Christopher. He said: "Owain is a really motivated worker. Like me, he is keen to put the needs of the

residents first and he's already engaging with the rest of the staff to make sure we're a fully integrated team.

"For success, you need a strong team behind you and I'm really excited to have such a strong motivated team behind me here at Tŷ Llandaff."

Tŷ Llandaff care home manager Janice Evans said: "We are thrilled to have Christopher and Owain on board. Food is such an important part of care homelife, as the right menu can make someone feel at home, a delicious meal is good for the soul, and the right foods keep our residents healthy and well."

"Our new kitchen team have a great approach to their work, they are a perfect fit for the ethos of Tŷ Llandaff and are an excellent addition to our staff."

For more information about Tŷ Llandaff, contact Janice on 02920 600 100, email [info@tyllandaffcare.com](mailto:info@tyllandaffcare.com) or visit [www.tyllandaffcare.com](http://www.tyllandaffcare.com)



**AFTERNOON** tea at a fancy hotel or cafe is a lovely treat for any mum on Mother's Day but it can be expensive, especially if all the family want to join in.

Why not surprise her with afternoon tea made at home and served direct to the sofa? For the perfect 'thank you' on a plate, these scones are perfect.

You will need: 450g self-raising flour; 2 level tsp baking powder; 50g caster sugar; 100g butter, softened and cut into pieces; 2 free-range eggs; a little milk; sultanas or chopped glace cherries (optional).

Method: 1. Preheat the oven to 220C/200C fan/Gas 7 and place in two baking trays.

2. Put the flour and baking powder in a large bowl. Add the butter and rub in with fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar.

3. Lightly beat the eggs in a measuring jug and add enough milk to make the total liquid 300ml/10 fl.oz. Stir the egg and milk into the flour mixture

– you might not need it all – and mix to a soft, slightly sticky dough.

4. Turn out dough onto a lightly floured surface, knead lightly – being careful not to overwork the dough

– and add sultanas or cherries, if using. Roll out the dough to about 2cm thick.

5. Using a 5cm/2in fluted cutter, cut into as many rounds as possible. Brush the tops with any leftover egg/milk mixture or extra milk.

6. Place the scones on the hot baking sheets and

bake for approximately 10 minutes, until pale golden and well risen. Cool on rack.

7. To serve, split the scones and serve with jam and a dollop of clotted cream.

The scones can be served with small sandwiches and tea/Prosecco, depending on the preference of the mother.

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# A call for veterans to mark the 75th anniversary of the Italian campaign

VETERANS from World War Two who fought in the Italian campaign are being invited by the travel arm of the Royal British Legion to take part in special 75th anniversary journeys of remembrance.

Veterans who fought in Italy can opt for a tour to either Monte Cassino and Salerno, or Monte Cassino and Anzio; a special tour to the National Memorial Arboretum is also on offer for those unable to travel overseas. The Treasury is enabling these free-of-charge tours, which are funded by LIBOR fines, and will enable a World War Two veteran to return with a family member and carer.

The Italian campaign proved to be a major turning point in World War Two but was also one of the hardest-fought battles. The allies came under heavy artillery fire and at times were knee-deep in mud and snow. Fortunately, in May 1944, the allies prevailed.



This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Italian campaign and the Royal British Legion is inviting veterans, who are now in their 90s, back to Italy to honour fallen comrades.

Nichola Rowlands-Smith, head of travel, Royal British Legion, explained: "The Italian campaign seems to be less well-known in the nation's history than other battles such as D-Day, yet it was another pivotal turning point in bringing to an end World War Two.

"We have a wonderful opportunity to take back

those who fought, for them to pay their respects to fallen comrades, meet fellow veterans and lay old ghosts to rest."

The five-day Italian-based tours will include a service of remembrance at the Cassino war cemetery plus visits to Anzio war cemetery, Salerno Commonwealth war cemetery and the Beach Head war cemetery.

The tour will also take in significant battle sites, such as the Monte Cassino Abbey, as well as visits to local tourist locations. Veterans heading to the National

Memorial Arboretum will

take part in a four-day tour staying at the Hilton St Georges Park Hotel in Burton-upon-Trent. The tour will include a service of remembrance as well as visits to Cannock Chase cemetery and Staffordshire Regiment Museum.

The Royal British

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To find out more about the tours, or to sign up to one, visit the Royal British Legion's tour operator Arena Travel on 01473 660800, or visit [www.arenatravel.com/our-holidays/remembrance-travel](http://www.arenatravel.com/our-holidays/remembrance-travel).

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# Bro Radio announces the finalists in Community Awards

**BRO Radio's Community Awards, sponsored by Wessex Garages Nissan, will take place on March 30 and will celebrate 10 years of Bro Radio, as well as outstanding individuals in the third sector, business, sport and local community who make living and working in the Vale so special.**

Nominations were submitted by the public in 2018 and were whittled down to 31 finalists across 10 award categories and the winners will be announced during the awards evening.

Bro Radio will bring you updates from the awards on air and via its social media during the evening and you can find out more about the winners in next week's edition of The GEM.

Meet the Community Awards finalists  
Young Person of the Year sponsored by Fun Harbour.

Harrison Baker: Six-year-old Harrison has been involved with the Cadoxton Conservation Group for the past two years, where he takes part in litter collection sessions. Picking up litter has become second nature to Harrison. He picks up litter on his way to school and will automatically pick up any litter on visits to the local beaches as he goes along.

Lola Pike: Lola has been unwell since she was a baby and has suffered from physical and medical conditions, but never complains and always has a smile on her face, despite facing daily challenges.

Lola has recently started at a specialist school and has taken to it very well. She understands that she is a little different from other children and that she sometimes needs extra help.

Daley Chapman: 17-year-old Daley was part of the Vale Youth Cabinet from 2016-2019 and Vale of Glamorgan Deputy Youth Mayor twice (2016/2017-2017/2018). Daley started at The Premier League Kicks project as a participant in 2015 and has since become a volunteer coach.

Daley is committed to his role and manages this alongside his studies, in which he is progressing ready to start university in September.

Volunteer of the Year sponsored by GVS  
Janet Rees: Janet created a group called Cwtch Cymru for those suffering with depression and anxiety.

The group welcomes everyone, making them feel comfortable to be open with their feelings.

Janet is always looking for ways to promote Cwtch Cymru to ensure the service is available for those who need it. Last September Janet started a second group which runs in the evening, for those who could not make the morning group.

Phill Sedgmond: Sensei Phill Sedgmond is a karate teacher from Barry, who is described as being selfless and an amazing leader. On top of having a family and a full time job, Phill dedicates over 10 hours of his free time each week to teach karate on a voluntary basis.

Phill doesn't make a penny for his teaching, ensuring that they have the best experience possible as a part of Barry Kyokushin.

Nerys Thomas: Nerys has been a volunteer for Marie Curie for 15 years and is described as being the backbone of her group. Nerys is the treasurer of the Penarth fundraising group and organises a twice yearly quiz involving 30 teams, and is the caretaker for the collection and 'daffodil boxes'. Nerys not only raises money, but is also an ambassador for the charity completing four Marie Curie overseas treks.

Teacher of the Year sponsored by West Quay Estates and Lettings

Ian Piekielniak: Mr P, as he is known, teaches drama at Whitmore High School. He has been described as being kind, caring and hilarious. Mr P is an inspiration to his pupils and goes above and beyond with dedication and professionalism.

Kirsty Berry: Miss Berry is a popular teacher at St Cyres School in Penarth. Miss Berry has been described by a pupil as going above and beyond in her role. The pupil who nominated her joined the school in year 9, where Miss Berry ensured that she settled in, helping her to achieve two GCSEs so far.

Sarah Morris: Sarah is a learning support assistant at Gweno Church in Wales Primary School. She works 1:1 with a pupil who is a bilateral amputee. With Sarah's help, the pupil has made a breakthrough both physically and mentally.

Charity of the year sponsored by McDonald's Barry

Home Education Barry: HEB – Home Education Barry offers help and support to those who currently, or intend to, home educate their children. The group meet weekly to interact with other home educated children and for parents to be able to meet

other like minded people.

Mind in the Vale: Mind in the Vale supports people with mental health problems, with three centres in Barry, Llantwit Major and Penarth. The public can drop in for advice or have one to one support sessions. Last year Mind in the Vale provided help to 2,524 people.

Vale Plus: Vale Plus is a charity based in Barry and Llantwit Major which provides lifelong learning opportunities for people with learning disabilities. It was established to provide continuing educational opportunities for people with learning disabilities after they had left full time education and currently supports 70 members.

Community Event of the Year sponsored by Barry Round Table

The Neil Lewis Memorial Concert: The concert was started in 2009 by Rhys Lewis, in memory of his late father Neil, a folk musician who found fame in the '70s working with Max Boyce. The event involves local bands coming together to perform free of charge, raising £15,000 for local charities.

Santa Fun Run: The Santa Fun run started in 2016 as part of the Barry Town Council mayoral programme of events and is aimed at families, children, adults, able bodied and disabled. In that year over 400 people participated and it has now doubled in size, raising £3,000 for local charities.

Llantwit Major Pride: Major Pride took place on September 1, 2018 in Llantwit Major. It was the first ever Pride event to be held in the Vale. Organised in just six weeks, it brought together the young and old, townsfolk and rural communities alike to celebrate love, respect and togetherness.

Sports Star of the year sponsored by Cariad Café Bar

Josh Cook: Josh is a member of YMCA Barry Gymnastics Club and has this year become the Welsh Senior Men's All-Around Champion despite being the youngest senior gymnast. Josh's performance at the London Open in September resulted in him being invited to train with the British Top Squad alongside Britain's Olympic gymnasts.

Jeff Robinson: Jeff is an RAF veteran who served in six different war zones, specialising in Close Protection duties. A motorcycle accident left him with paralysis from the chest down, but despite this, he competed in the 2017 and 2018 Invictus Games where he went to win silver medals as part of the UK Wheelchair Rugby team.

Morgan Thomas: At the age of three, Morgan suffered a brain virus which left him having to learn how to walk and talk again, leaving him with balance and concentration issues growing up. Despite this, Morgan is achieving in athletics with the 100 metre sprint, he is currently 11.23 seconds and improving all the time.

Sporting Achievement of the Year sponsored by Sully Sports and Social Club

Peter Haysham: Peter, a former YMCA Barry Elite and Commonwealth Games gymnast, is the current Welsh national coach for Male Artistic in Wales. Peter is the personal coach of two senior gymnasts at YMCA Barry, Josh Cook and Iwan Mepham who both qualified to represent Wales in the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games under his guidance.

Gavin Chesterfield: Gavin has been the manager of Barry Town United Football Club for over a decade, leading them to multiple promotions and championships against all odds, while setting up a thriving academy and growing the club to over 600 playing members. In November 2018, he reached his 400th game as manager.

Chloe McBratney: Chloe was diagnosed visually impaired with bilateral optic nerve hypoplasia and is registered blind. She started playing football age five, along with various other sports including basketball, in which she gained caps for Wales. Chloe is a volunteer coach with Barry Town Pan Disability and is currently undertaking her B licence.

Making a Difference through Business sponsored by the Glamorgan GEM

High Street Traders: The High Street Traders Association is a group of business owners from the High Street shopping quarter who organise a series of events that don't just benefit themselves and the shopping area, but the community in which they are located. Members of The High Street Traders give their own time to organise and attend events.

Holton Road Traders: The Holton Road Traders Association organises events which are aimed at the local community. The events are organised by traders on top of running their businesses, bringing local people together and helping promote the shopping area, which is currently seeing a decline in footfall. Events include a Christmas market

which gave others the opportunity to experience trading in the town centre.

Cariad Café Bar: Cariad Café Bar have been open for just over a year and in that time its owners have made an effort to become a part of the community, helping people to raise around £10,000 for local causes. The owners hold a monthly 'Jazz and Gin night' and invite local fundraisers to come along and hold a raffle to raise money for their cause.

Triumph Over Adversity sponsored by Vale of Glamorgan Council

Rachel Degagato: Rachel lost her son Chae to suicide in 2015 at the age of just 21. Since his death, Rachel has worked tirelessly to raise money and awareness of mental health, setting up the charity Gobaith. The aim of the charity was to create a centre that opens its doors and offers a welcome and safe environment to anyone that needs it.

Soraya Kelly: At the age of 48, Soraya was diagnosed with grade three breast cancer. During her recovery, Soraya set up #TheGlovesAreOn campaign and later The Soraya Kelly Foundation to raise awareness of the importance of early detection of the disease while raising money for various causes. Since May 2018, Soraya has already raised over £16,500 for local causes.

Charlotte Feldmeier: Despite suffering abuse herself, Charlotte devotes her time to promoting human welfare awareness, through providing physical and emotional support and social reforms. Charlotte helps the most vulnerable in society providing resources – including food, clothing, supplies, advocacy – acting as a liaison with agencies and authorities researching. Her autobiographical, self-help book titled Soul Murder, was released with 200 copies free of charge.

Bro Radio's Good Egg Award sponsored by HRA Accounting.

Ela Gamgee: Ela is a member of Billboard Ensemble and has recently started a theatre company called High Voltage, a drama group for people with special needs. The club has helped many individuals gain confidence and take part in the shows they have already put on in their first year. Ela is said to be an inspiration who goes above and beyond for the community.

Steve Blackman: Steven started Dementia Friendly Cowbridge together with Liz George (then Mayor) when he was president of Cowbridge Rotary Club. He now chairs DFC which works with the Alzheimer's Society to establish Cowbridge as a dementia friendly community. DFC runs sessions to help people become more aware of the needs of those living with dementia, and run two monthly cinema shows, activity afternoons and curry evenings.

Nicky Vickery: Nicky is volunteer garden manager at Gibby Green Fingers and also runs her own garden maintenance business. She helps young children in Gibbonsdown earn time credits through regular litter picking sessions. She works with people with learning difficulties, helping several to gain work experience at Gibby Green Fingers. Nicky is described as one of a kind and an old school community champion.

Last, but by no means least, the Vale Homework Club.

Cath Watkins created the Vale Homework Support Club over seven years ago with two others. The club helped children in Rhoose and eventually supported those living in rural Vale. Initially the club started with six children and has since grown to support over 250.

This leads to the Special Recognition Award.

During the nomination period, Bro Radio received multiple nominations for Cath Watkins, an individual who worked tirelessly to support those struggling in education in the village of Rhoose.

Cath created the Vale Homework Support Club over seven years ago and spent hours preparing work. Support was also offered to parents using the club and they were encouraged to understand the children's homework by offering continuous education for adults. Always showing professionalism, encouragement and passion, parents became friends and the children were enthusiastic to attend club and see their Auntie Cath.

After hearing so many individual stories about Cath and the Homework Club, Bro Radio's staff were devastated to hear that she passed away in December after battling cancer since 2004.

The decision was made to recognise, posthumously, Cath at Bro Radio's Community Awards with a special recognition award celebrating her work.

## Records smashed in Big Farmland Bird Count

A FANTASTIC effort from farmers have helped secure a best-ever year for the Big Farmland Bird Count (BFBC).

Results show 1,400 people – a 40 per cent increase on last year – recorded 140 species over one million acres in the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT) initiative which took place between February 8 to 17. Encouragingly, a total of 30 red-listed species were recorded, with five appearing in the most-commonly seen species list.

These included fieldfares, starlings, house sparrows, yellowhammers and song thrushes, with the first four seen by over 30 per cent of the farms taking part.

The five most abundant birds seen were woodpigeons, starlings, lapwings, black-headed gulls and rooks. A total of 148,661 were found, making up nearly 50 per cent of the total number of birds recorded.

In Wales, 61 farmers took part recording 93 species across 25,172 acres. The most-commonly seen species were blackbird, blue tit, carrion crow, robin and great tit. A total of 20 red-listed species were recorded.

“It’s brilliant to see an increase in the number of participants,” said Jim Egan, who has co-ordinated the count for the past six years. The fact that in many cases, farmers and birders have worked together and inspired each other shows the power of sharing our skills and knowledge. Congratulations to everyone involved.”

The average farm size of those taking part was 739 acres, with 66 per cent growing arable crops, 52 per cent having beef or sheep, and 13 per cent growing field vegetables. There were also dairy farms, horticulture units, poultry producers and pig producers submitting counts. The survey areas included

important environmental features such as hedges, woodland ponds, grass margins, ditches and trees.

Minette Batters, president of the NFU, the main sponsor of the count, said: “It is often unappreciated that many farmers provide habitats and additional feeding for birds during the winter months. The Big Farmland Bird Count is a fantastic way for farmers to record the birdlife found on their farms. That is why I was really pleased that the NFU could sponsor this year’s count and that so many more farmers took part.”

“I’d like to thank all those farmers who braved Storm Erik on launch day to carry out the count despite driving rain and strong winds.”

CLA vice-president Mark Tufnell said: “I am delighted to hear that 1,400 farmers, including many CLA members, took part this year. We saw and heard three pairs of grey partridges during our lookout, which was a real joy. It’s one of the privileges of farming.”

The BFBC was launched in 2014 to highlight the positive work done by farmers and gamekeepers in helping to reverse the decline in farmland birds. The count offers a simple means of recording the effect of any conservation work currently being instigated by farmers and gamekeepers on their land, such as scatter feeding birds through winter or growing crops specifically to provide feed for birds.

The GWCT would like to extend its thanks to NFU for sponsoring the BFBC, which it delivered in partnership with FWAG Association, LEAF, CLA, Kings and NFU Scotland.

To view the results in full, visit [www.bfbc.org.uk/2019results](http://www.bfbc.org.uk/2019results).

## Superbikes on their way to Llandow track

GT Superbikes.com of Talbot Green is organising its first ‘super bike experience day’ at Llandow race track on Saturday, June 29 this year.

Organisers are expecting around 500 people to attend, including motorcycle riders, family and friends.

Pitches for trade stands will be available. For more details, email [info@gtsuperbikes.com](mailto:info@gtsuperbikes.com) or telephone 01443 449555.



## Small voluntary groups benefit from questioning a member of The GEM!

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) was pleased to host a briefing session on March 15 with Andy Johnstone from The GEM newspaper.

Representatives from local voluntary groups benefited from asking questions, gaining important tips and advice which would all help to contribute in gaining press coverage for their organisation.

Delegates who attended said: “The GEM representative was excellent. The aspect I found most useful was the advice on how best to structure an

article, how to send it in, and use of photos.”

The next briefing session, priced at £5 and aimed at small community groups, will take place in July 2019. A full list of GVS courses and briefing sessions can be found at [www.gvs.wales/support-for-groups/gvs-training](http://www.gvs.wales/support-for-groups/gvs-training) where you can also reserve places.

If you would like to attend any of the sessions, contact Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) on 01446 741706, email [enquiries@gvs.wales](mailto:enquiries@gvs.wales) or visit [www.gvs.wales](http://www.gvs.wales)

## Tarmac supports Woody's Lodge

A CHARITY which provides an inviting space for veterans of the Armed Forces, emergency services and Reservists across the Vale of Glamorgan has received a helping hand from Tarmac's Aberthaw plant.

Woody's Lodge at the Amelia Trust Farm took an important delivery of Postcrete from Tarmac, which has allowed a fence to be erected around the bunkhouse area that Woody's Lodge occupies during the week. The fencing now means that veterans, many of whom suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), have privacy as they receive support at the Vale base.

Woody's Lodge opened its doors at the Amelia Trust Farm in August last year after moving from HMS Cambria. It has since been working with local veterans to provide them with therapeutic support in a care farm setting. Tarmac has a history of supporting the farm, going back to its establishment in the 1980s, when it donated cement to make pathways around the site.

Karen Bennett, Tarmac Aberthaw's environmental co-ordinator, said: “We are proud to provide continued support to the Amelia Trust Farm and have a long-standing relationship which



Amelia Trust Volunteer Glyn Davies and caretaker, Neil Hardy outside the fenced area.

## Nordic walkers on cultural visit

BARRY Nordic Walkers included a stop off at St Peter's Church, Cogan, on their Monday morning walk around Cosmeston Country Park.

Sian Woodland, communications officer from Woody's Lodge, spoke of the donation: “On behalf of Woody's I'd like to say thank you to Tarmac for its support. Our veterans now have a space where they can sit within a secure and safe area.”

Woody's Lodge is open to veterans and their families on Monday to Thursday from 10am to 3pm.

church to be opened by John Fraser, who told us about the history of the church.”

Barry Nordic Walkers is affiliated to Age Cymru and supported by the Welsh Government. The instruction, equipment provision and tuition is currently being offered free of charge to anyone over the age of 55.

They meet on Monday mornings at Cosmeston Country Park and Wednesday mornings at Barry Island.

For more information, contact Geoff Hollett on 01446 730613 or [geoff-hollett@hotmail.com](mailto:geoff-hollett@hotmail.com)

## Will you succumb to the Domino effect?



DOMINO is an 18-month-old Cocker cross Springer Spaniel who is a young boy with bags of energy, so he is looking for a home with owners who like to be as active as he is.

He is a sensitive chap who can become worried in new situations, so he is looking for dedicated owners who can help him build up his confidence. Domino will need continued work on his social skills with other dogs

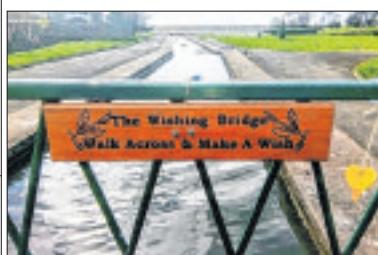
but could potentially live with a calm dog who is already settled in the home. Domino would like to live in a quiet, adult-only home with owners who are around for most of the day. He loves his toys and food and enjoys doing training in return for a tasty treat.

Dog trainer Katie said:

“Domino loves the outdoors and having a good run and sniff in the field. He will be such a fun and rewarding addition.”

To find out more about Domino, visit [www.dogstrust.org.uk](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk)

## Barry's 'Wishing Bridge' gets its plaque back after theft



A NEW plaque has been bolted to the 'Wishing Bridge' at the Knap Gardens following the theft of the original one.

Local artist Glyn Pooley said: “After a fantastic effort by a number of volunteers, our new plaque is back up for the local community and visitors to enjoy.”

“After the theft there was a massive response on social media. It reached more than 9,000

people and led to offers of help.

“Art4U wants to thank Mark Lund, Bob and Gloria Powell, Jo Mortimer and Sue Eldridge for the beautiful script and decoration of the plaque. Their hard work is really appreciated. Through this community artwork,

we hope all who walk across the bridge will be uplifted with an experience of hope and well-being.”

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# Nathaniel MG adds 'flagship' dealership with new showroom

*Bartley Bluebird, Wayne Griffiths, Max Griffiths, Nathaniel Mendez-Laing, Joe Ralls.*

**NATHANIEL** MG, one of the most decorated MG dealerships in the country, launched its latest showroom on Penarth Road in Cardiff with two events to mark the occasion.

The VIP evening was very well attended with many celebrities turning up to show their support, including Grand Slam Welsh rugby players Gareth Anscombe, Owen Watkin and Tomas Francis plus the legendary Gareth 'Alfie' Thomas.

Cardiff City football players Nathaniel Mendez-Laing and Joe Ralls, along with their manager Neil Warnock, also enjoyed the evening and CCFC mascot Bartley Bluebird made an appearance.

The new 5,000 sq ft space joins the dealer group's other showrooms: Nathaniel Cars, in Bridgend, as well as the MG Cardiff store which is permanently situated within St David's shopping centre.

Nathaniel MG is one of the most recognised



MG range. Not only are we expanding our own business, but MG is also enjoying a great period of growth. We are very excited and proud to be opening another dealership in Wales' capital city."

Daniel Gregorios, head of sales and marketing at MG Motor UK, said: "The MG philosophy is built around making it easier for our customers to buy the right cars, at the right price, from the right people. Nathaniel MG shares this ethos and its expansion in Cardiff is testament to the work the business is doing to help make the MG brand such a national success."

"With new dealers to work with our brand," coming on board and Nathaniel MG Cardiff existing dealers growing, officially opened its doors it's a hugely exciting time on February 21, 2019.

## Easter Fun day at Cadoxton CADOXTON Youth Project and Park Lions FC are holding a Family Easter and Sports Fun Day at Victoria Park, Cadoxton (CF63 2JS) on Saturday, April 13 from 12 noon - 4pm.

On the day children can take part in sporting activities including football, in which they'd be coached by the Park Lions coaches. There will also be games, colouring in competitions, face painting and fancy dress competitions. All children will receive an Easter Egg for participating. Other activities include raffle draws and Guess the Weight of a Cake. There will be hot and cold food on the day and all children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult (there will be photography permission forms to fill in, to allow us to take photos of individuals who attend on the day).

# AM pushes for increased capacity on Vale rail line

**DELIVERING** increased capacity on the Vale of Glamorgan Line must be treated as a priority, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has said.

Mr Davies recently met the Transport for Wales chief executive James Price at its Cardiff headquarters, where he raised concerns about the frequency of services on the route.

Barry Island is currently served by three trains per hour to and from Cardiff, while Rhoose and Llantwit Major receive one hourly service in each direction.

TfW confirmed that the service would be increased, but Mr Davies expressed concerns about the proposed timescales involved.

He said that while he understood the pressures on rolling stock, he called for all options to be kept on the table to deliver improvements as soon



*South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies met Transport for Wales chief executive James Price recently.*

as possible.

Mr Davies said: "It's vital we provide better transport links between the Vale and Cardiff,

and more frequent train services are absolutely crucial.

"It was good to meet with James and raise these concerns with him – Rhoose and Llantwit only get one train per hour on

weekdays and this is clearly not enough.

"While I understand there are limits on the rolling stock available, it's vital delivering increased capacity is treated as a priority. I will continue to push for this to ensure the Vale get the services we need."

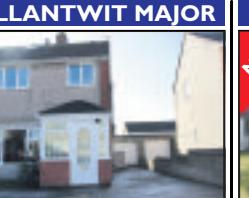


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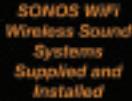
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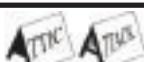
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*Alf will be missed more than words can express by his family and friends from all across the world.*

*Alf is now at peace with the love of his life, his wife Angela.*



The funeral will take place on Friday, 5th April 2019 at 10am at the chapel at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, followed by a further service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry. Family flowers only, if desired donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care to be collected at the service.

The family would like to thank all of Alfred's friends for the messages of love and support and for sharing the wonderful memories they have of Captain Abi.

**JACKSON****Alfred (Alf)**

Peacefully on 11th March at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Alf passed away after a very long and active life spanning such fields as pre-war grocer, World War II Desert Rat, oxygen delivery driver and dance band musician. He will be remembered for his anecdotes and his musical ability, and he kept playing his electronic organ until the week he passed away. Husband of (the late) Muriel, stepfather to Ellie, grandad to Robin, uncle to Brian and brother to Will, he will be much missed.

Alf is resting in the care of W.A. Brown & Son of Llanwit Major. Humanist service with military attendance at Coya church Crematorium, Bridgend on Tuesday, 2nd April at 1.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations can be made to SSAFA, a military charity working to support the needs of Armed Forces' veterans and their families, c/o funeral home or www.ssafa.org.uk.

**FOGG****Leslie Michael (Les)**

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*Les will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.*

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**WARE****Lesley Denise (née Ford)**

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**SMITH****Blanche 1923 - 2019**

On 19th March at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Blanche passed away very peacefully with friends at her side and in the thoughts of others. Blanche was the dearest wife of the late John Smith and beloved mother of the late John Adam. Blanche lived for many years in Penllyn where she was a very active and respected member of the community which she loved. She often gave thanks for her long and full life.

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**WOODING****Trevor**

Peacefully on 14th March, at home, Trevor of Mayfield Place, Llantrisant; beloved husband of Pamela, loving father of Nicola and partner David, Stephanie and son-in-law Paul. Much loved grandfather (Baa) to Joshua, Jacob, Jack and Luca and dear brother-in-law of Ieuan.

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Gerald & Tisha and all your grandchildren  
and great grandchildren xxx*
**BROWN**  
 Cecilia Dilys  
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*Thinking of you on this  
Mothering Sunday.*
*All our love Cecilia,  
Joanne, Lynne-Marie, all  
your grandchildren and  
great grandchildren xxx*

Birthdays

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Birthday**
**Margaret  
Evans (Joyce)**

on 30th March


*You're always very special  
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that you are wished the  
nicest things, that life can  
bring your way, like warm  
and loving wishes, and  
happiness and cheer, and  
everything you need to start  
another happy year.*
*Love from Christine & Peter, Alwyn &  
Jane, Kirsti & Iain and Michael xxx*
**Reg Lyon**
**Happy 70th Birthday**

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## Barry Town United ready for TNS Welsh Cup semi-final test

**HISTORY** could be on the horizon this weekend, as Barry Town United attempt to reach a first JD Welsh Cup final since their treble-double season of 2002-03.

Standing in the way of Gavin Chesterfield's side will be six-time winners TNS, with the one-off, semi-final showdown at Newtown's neutral Latham Park marking the first-ever meeting of the teams at this stage.

The Town and the Saints have met twice in Welsh Cup quarter-finals, with Barry prevailing on each occasion, though their most memorable meeting came in the final of 1996, as the club then known as Llansantffraid FC edged past Paul and David Giles' championship-winning team in a dramatic penalty shootout, the last resort in separating the sides, after a thrilling 3-3 draw in Cardiff.

In 2001, Barry secured a measure of revenge, with second-half efforts from Jamie Moralee and Gary Lloyd sealing a 2-0 win over TNS at Wrexham's Racecourse ground, and with it, a fourth Welsh Cup in the history of the Jenner Park

club. However, TNS prevailed in the teams' most recent Welsh Cup meeting, coming from behind to win a fourth round tie 5-2 at Jenner Park in the 2015-16 season.

Both Barry goalscorers that day, Jordan Cotterill and Drew Fahiya, are expected to be part of Chesterfield's squad in Newtown this weekend, while the likes of Paul Morgan, Lewis Cosslett and Troy Greening were all involved when the club last appeared in a Welsh Cup semi-final, again at Latham Park, six years ago.

A place in the UEFA Europa League qualifying rounds awaits the tournament winners, with holders Connah's Quay tackling Cardiff Met in Sunday's second semi-final.

Barry's tie with TNS kicks off at 7.30pm this Saturday, with admission via the turnstiles on the night, only £8 (adults), £4 (students/65+) and £2 (under 16s).

Supporters wishing to travel by return coach from Jenner Park are advised to contact Leon Ford on 07505 933 972 for departure timings and seat availability.

AC

## Llantwit Major RFC's EGM is adjourned

**A recent Extraordinary General Meeting at Llantwit Major RFC has been adjourned for further information to be gleaned for members' consideration before a vote can take place on whether to change from being an unincorporated club to a incorporated limited company.**

Vice-chairman David Liscombe explained: "We had a constructive meeting where members questions and concerns

were raised and subsequently a decision was made to adjourn the meeting for members to be provided with further information before considering the proposal."

The management of the club's position, he added, remains the same, in that a change of status is vital to protect members, particularly those running the club, together with the club's trustees, from being exposed to personal liability.

A further meeting will be announced when finalised.

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## Tynewydd FC 's comeback victory over champions


**TYNEWYDD FC got the better of top-of-the-table Holton Road on Saturday, coming back to win 2-1.**

Tynewydd were going into the game in decent form, having turned around a 2-0 half-time deficit against Cardiff Airport to grab a 2-2 draw late on and beating Cwm Tawlg 1-0 with a stunning Richard Yarr freekick ensuring all three points.

With Holton previously having the better of Tynewydd this season in a few tight games, Tynewydd came into the game determined to get a victory.

While both teams played some decent football in the first half they largely cancelled each other out, with few chances for either team. The noteworthy exception came when Callum Coleman saved a header from point blank

interval.

Holton snatched the lead midway through the second half when a defensive lapse allowed their striker to drill home from the six-yard box.

With a strong bench to call upon, Tynewydd made some attacking changes to refresh their attack and after a period of sustained pressure they managed to draw level when Craig Rattenbury cut in from the left-hand side and curled a shot into the top corner from 30 yards out.

The equaliser inspired the team to keep driving on and 10 minutes from time, Tynewydd took full use of the referee's advantage, playing on from a certain freekick, with some neat passing, finding Ollie Cooke just inside the 18 yard box.

He made no mistake, calmly slotting home to make it 2-1, and Tynewydd saw the final minutes

out in a well-deserved result with the whole squad of 16 all playing their part for the victory against a strong Holton side.

Man of the match was highly contested between numerous players but Callum Coleman snatched the award, mainly for his stunning first half save.

Tynewydd have also recently debuted a new kit, having received sponsorship from insurance company Admiral, for which they are extremely grateful.

*Squad: C.Coleman, G.Pycroft, J.Shepherd, S.Eveleigh, Ll.Union, E.Hicks, T.Case, R.Yarr, O.Cooke, L.Union (c), C.Rattenbury, J.Smith, J.Mathew, J.Clissett, C.Harding, P.Pyddnah, L.Clark, J.Brana, L.Peterson, J.Pearce, J.Jones, G.Union.*

JC

## Barry Town United players shine for Wales C in Salford


*McLaggon (9), Green (6) and Hugh (3) started for Wales C in Salford, while McLaggon celebrates his goal (below right).*
**BARRY** Town United's home-grown forward **Kayne McLaggon** was among the goals last Tuesday night, as Wales C earned a creditable 2-2 draw with England C in Salford.

McLaggon, who joined Barry team-mate Clayton Green and Chris Hugh in Mark Jones' starting XI, latched onto Green's well-worked set-piece to equalise on the half-hour, after Nathan Peate's own goal had handed the hosts a 24-minute lead.

Paul Fairclough's England re-affirmed their advantage in the 53rd minute, as striker Kurt Willoughby of FC United of Manchester unleashed a low, long-range free-kick that eluded Wales' Caerfarnon goalkeeper Alex Ramsay at his near post.

However, Wales hit back again through substitute Adam Roscoe, the Cardiff Met man running onto a deft ball over the top from Bala's Chris Venables, before firing a wicked effort into the top corner for the second and final equaliser.

A fourth Barry player, midfielder Robbie Patten, also had a taste of international action, replacing



Green in the 77th minute, as the Welsh held onto an eye-catching result against an England squad packed with professional talent.

Wales' first team manager Ryan Giggs was among a host of interested spectators at the Peninsula Stadium, as McLaggon righted the wrong of the injury setback that ruled him out of Wales' first C international match at Jenner Park a year ago.



# On and off the turf with Brian Lee

CHARLIE Price who rides out for the Vale's Tim Vaughan landed the opening novice hurdle handicap at Chepstow last Thursday, March 21.

Riding 11-year-old *Flanagan's Field* trained by Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn, he won by two-and-a-half lengths from *Top Of The Rocks* and in a field of 14 was returned the 5-1 joint-favourite.

Later in the day, Llancarfan's Evan Williams' top-weighted five-year-old *Treasure Dillon* under Mitchell Bastyan won the Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Novices Hurdle by five lengths from *El Hager Rose*.

*Treasure Dillon*, which had been runner-up in three of his previous five races, was well fancied and went off the 15-8 favourite.

## WINS FOR VALE RIDERS

JACK Tudor and Isabel Williams, both from the Vale, rode winners at the Brecon and Talybont Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Llanfrynnach last Saturday.

Jack riding his godfather Philip Thomas' home-bred *Blazing Tom* took the opening confined race when coming home two lengths ahead of the pace-making *Midnight Folie* and Isabel won the 'three horse ladies' open race on her grandmother Mary Evans' 12-year-old former National Hunt performer

*Hold Court* after the odds-on *Patrick Tom Boru* had unseated Jodie Hughes at the third fence.

*Tiger Rag* ran out and refused to take any part in the race. Isabel said: "I knew exactly what was going on and *Hold Court* is a wise old boy. He knows what it is all about and he really enjoyed himself."

*Hold Court* took six minutes and 44 seconds to complete the course compared to the five minutes and 51 seconds it took *Sir Du Bearn* to win the men's open under 21-year-old Trystan Hughes.

The French-bred *Sir Du Bearn*, a former useful National Hunt performer, at 13 was the oldest horse in the race and he was judged to have finished a neck in front of the favourite and pacemaking *Moral Hazard* with *Mister Dick* a further half-a-length away in third place.

*Moral Hazard*'s rider Bradley Gibbs made nearly all to win the club members' race on *The Girl From Milan*, the restricted on *Highway Jewel* and the open maiden on *Premier Magic*. All three are trained by his father David, who was saddling his first ever three-timer.

## BANGOR SUCCESS FOR VALE TRAINERS

VALE trainers Phil Dando and Tim Vaughan both saddled winners at Bangor last Saturday, March 23.

Peterston-super-Ely's Dando won the Broxton Gates Handicap Hurdle with his home-bred *Driftwood Haze*, which won by half-a-length from the bottom-weighted *Samson's Reach*, ridden by James Bowen, and around 40 or so minutes later Aberthine's Tim Vaughan took the Follow At The Races On Twitter Novices' Hurdle with the odds-on favourite *Copper Gone West* partnered by stable jockey Alan Johns.

*Driftwood Haze*, a 5-1 chance was ridden by Mitchell Bastyan.

There was further Welsh success in the Broxton Gates Handicap Chase when *Steel Native*, a 14-1 chance, got home by half-a-length from *Cadeau Du Bresil*.

The winner is trained by Pembrokeshire's Dai Rees and was ridden by Richard Patrick.

# Bruce lands hole in one!



## Pencoed Phoenix in dominant form



ABOVE LEFT: Emily Hughes is caught up in the tackle, while ABOVE RIGHT: Leanne Burnell lines up a kick - ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK.

RECENT matches between Senghenydd Ladies and Pencoed Phoenix have been closely fought affairs but on this occasion, and with respect to the home side, Phoenix fielded arguably their strongest squad of the season to date and ran out comprehensive winners, 62-14.

Early Phoenix scrum dominance saw several chances created, however, the opening quarter slipped by with the match remaining scoreless.

Phoenix outside half Leanne Burnell then took matters into her own hands, breaking out wide around the home defence before straightening up some 35 metres out to score at the posts before adding the conversion.

The pick and drive game of the Phoenix pack was now beginning to make inroads and following several strong carries from Sam Galea, Emily Hughes and Rachel Jones deep into the Senghenydd 22, sustained pressure saw scrum half Amy Stevens get the touchdown; Burnell converted.

Phoenix returned to the attack and a good driving run from second row Rhiannon Thomas almost took her over. Phoenix were not to be denied, and Burnell and centre Amy Morgan combined to bring blindside wing Zoe Reeves through midfield to get a remarkable touchdown, as if catapulted off the remaining defenders.

Another Burnell break took play back into the home 22 and supporting back row forward Galea drove over in textbook fashion to score wide out. Phoenix soon got a fifth try from Hughes, the No.8 driving over in determined manner and Phoenix led 0-29 at the interval.

With the luxury of such a lead, Phoenix made a host of half time changes and the replacements wasted no time in making an impact. Firstly, front

row forward Isla Lewis powered her way some 20 metres to take play into the home 22, before fellow replacement Kelsey Purchall timed her run to perfection onto Burnell's pass to score half way out; Burnell converted.

Phoenix were now rampant and combined interplay from forwards and backs saw Hughes forcefully get her second try. To their credit, the Sirens hit back with a well-deserved try from Liane Fletcher with Sarah Harper adding a fine conversion from wide out.

Then came the try of the match, Purchall collecting a kick some 70 metres out before setting off on a counter attacking run which saw her beat several home defenders to race over for a superb try with Burnell converting.

The changes made did not detract from the Phoenix forward effort and the pack laid the foundations for the next score with Galea, Stevens, and Burnell handling swiftly to put Nat O'Shea in possession and O'Shea, now switched from hooker to centre, needed no second invitation to storm over with Burnell adding the extras.

The Sirens then added their second try from right wing Stephanie Rees showing good pace to score at the posts; Harper converting.

Phoenix were to have the final say, however, with Burnell capitalising on a loose home pass to score at the posts before adding the conversion for a final match scoreline of 14-62.

Sam Galea was chosen as best Phoenix forward with Amy Morgan playing in the unfamiliar role of centre as best Phoenix back. For Senghenydd, Liane Fletcher and Sarah Harper were chosen as best forward and back respectively.

Phoenix now eagerly await the draw for the semi-final of the competition.

SPRING may be in the air, but clearly it hasn't reached the depths of the murky Bristol Channel yet.

It may be why so many members seem to have pitched camp in summer climes in far off places where the fish still live.

While some anglers are still landing nice fish outside the competitions (especially Jordan Clarke), the last match was disappointing by any standards.

This Sunday was a prime example. On a day when fish were reluctant

to show, the humble Rockling saved red faces. A not-so-humble specimen Rockling of 1lb 2oz was landed by Roger Green and one of 15 ounces helped Ada Harris to his mighty winning weight of 1lb 15oz!

March is usually a good time to fish, so bags should start to get better in coming weeks.

Results for March 24: First, A Harris 1lb 15oz; second, A Saif 1lb 10oz; third, D Cook 1lb 7oz; fourth, R Green 1lb 2oz. JC

ON Tuesday, March 19, the first golf match of 2019 for Cottrell Park Seniors Golf Society took place against St Athan Seniors at their course in St Athan.

The fixture was a close-fought affair ending in an honourable draw, 4-4. The highlight of the day was a hole in one for immediate past captain Bruce Rankine who plays off a handicap of 11.

On the 15th hole he took his tee-shot with a nine-iron and watched in awe as his shot pitched over the front bunker and bounced straight into the hole. Not only did this shot win the hole, but also the individual match he and his partner Jon Braizer were in, 4 and 3.

Needless to say, Bruce honoured the tradition of buying a drink for all those involved in the match afterwards. Remarkably, after a lifetime of golfing this was Bruce's first hole in one. JB

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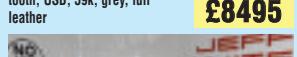
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# Cottrell Park ladies welcome new captain



## Golfers return to action

AFTER the previous week's wash out, St. Mary's Golf Club's senior section were pleased to return to the fairways for a stroke play competition.

After an overcast start, the weather brightened considerably and, with the long delayed appearance of the sun, a good number of the 23 starters finished their rounds in shirt sleeves.

The course remained rather wet, however, and with the going particularly heavy on holes 11 and 12, the members elected to miss them out.

Despite the lack of run on the ball, some excellent scores were posted, well below the nominal par of 59 for the 16 holes played.

Section chairman Gordon Martin maintained his average by carding



**THIRTY-TWO** Cottrell Park ladies played a nine-hole shotgun start, Stableford competition on the Mackintosh course on Thursday, March 21, following the new ladies captain Tina Morgan's drive-in.

It was back to a rainy start for their second competition of the week and the 20 members who braved the wet conditions opted for a team Texas Scramble over a reduced course of 12 holes.

Low scoring is to be expected in this format, and the five teams of four players certainly did not disappoint.

Closing out their round with three consecutive birdies proved decisive as the team of Trevor Evans, Gordon Campbell, George Parry and, gaining his second podium of the week, Gordon Martin, snatched the victory by three shots.

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It was a nice drive, Judith Jessop's flag was the nearest guess as to where the ball would land.

A lovely lunch was enjoyed by all, with a present for each lady from Tina. The beautiful table decorations were provided by Angela Padfield, and one lady on each table with the decoration to take home.

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Tina thanked everyone for attending, she enjoyed the day and was looking forward to the year ahead and would do her best with the support of the committee and lady members.

Jeanette Williams, past captain, presented Lorraine Pointon-Bell, outgoing captain, with a present as a thank you for all her hard work during the last 15 months.

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## Cottrell Park bucks the trend

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With the new season dawning and the Masters just around the corner, Cottrell Park continues year on year with major investments to golf!

Works just completing on the Button Gwinnett Golf Course sees a new lake on the 15th hole, not only adding a great challenge off the tee but also a million gallons of water, making the courses totally self-sufficient for irrigation. The last 12 years have seen significant changes to the Button Course which now makes this a course becoming more popular in demand.

Alongside improvement works being carried out on the Course, our membership continues to diversify. Gareth Bennett one of our two resident PGA Golf Professionals continues to be innovative with his 'New to Golf' membership scheme.

This is open to both ladies and men who have never played the game.

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they take up a special taster membership for their first three years, allowing them to gradually build up to full membership.

Over the last couple of years Gareth has also been developing the club's junior section through hosting weekly lessons on a Wednesday and Friday for a variety of age categories. They have recently developed a new branding for themselves called 'Cottrell Cobras', which will feature on their club tops.

Our junior membership continues to grow, thanks to Gareth's initiatives and the fantastic opportunities presented to them through their membership, lessons and competitions. They are the future of golf!

At Cottrell Park we pride ourselves on listening to our members and customers requirements and therefore offer an extensive range of membership categories to suit all needs, from the social golfer to the competitive.

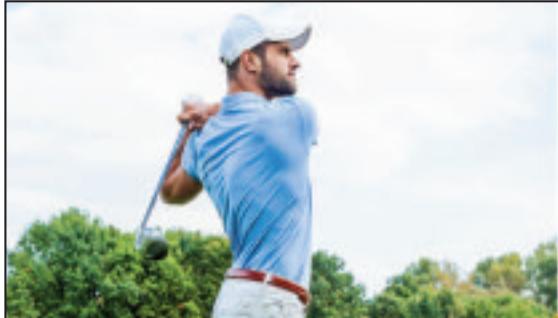
This year we have added a new category to our membership in the form of Play More Golf, which is a partnership with an external national company allowing us to offer a more flexible membership type. For more information please visit the Play More Golf website.

Under our new 2019 Committees we have seen a change and modernisation of competitions with us now offering an extensive range throughout the week and on both days of the weekend.

One of the great benefits of housing two golf courses is that those who do not wish to play in the competition can simply play on the other course!

So as said, the new season is about to start, and we are so pleased to have come through winter after once again playing full greens, tees and fairways with the courses only being closed three days during those months!

We are looking forward to what the new season may bring and an exciting year ahead for Cottrell Park, its members and visitors - the resort extends a warm welcome to you all!



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